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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS EXPORT PRICE

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1. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN COMMON'S QUESTION PERIOD OF APRIL 24 BETWEEN MP GILLIES AND ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD ON SUBJECT PRICE INCREASE.

2. Q. (GILLES): "DOES THE MINISTER'S DECISION TO RECONSIDER THE TIMING AND PRICE IN RESPECT OF THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS TO THE UNITED STATES REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S HYDROCARBON EXPORT POLICY OTHER THEN EXTENDING THE TIME AT WHICH THE PRICE INCREASES WILL BE PHASED IN?"

A. (MACDONALD): "THERE WAS NO FINAL DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER. THERE WILL LIKELY BE A FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE A DECISION WILL BE MADE WITHIN THE WEEK. IF THE HON. MEMBER IS THINKING AHEAD ON THE QUESTION OF SUPPLY, THIS WILL HAVE NO IMPACT FROM A SUPPLY STAND-

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POINT."

3. Q. (GILLES): "FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHAT PARTICULAR ADVANTAGES HAVE ACCRUED TO CANADA BY CHANGING OR EXTENDING THE TIME AT WHICH THE PROPOSED PRICE INCREASES WILL COME INTO EFFECT?"

A. (MACDONALD): "THAT IS A QUESTION I ASK MYSELF."

4. Q. (GILLIES): "I HOPE THE MINISTER GETS AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION FROM HIMSELF. HAS AUGUST 1, THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED DATE FOR THE PHASING IN OF THESE INCREASES, BEEN CHANGED AND, IF SO, WHEN WILL THE MINISTER ANNOUNCE WHAT THE NEW DATE WILL BE?"

A. (MACDONALD): "THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THAT. AS I SAY, THERE HAS BEEN NO FINAL DECISION YET."

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